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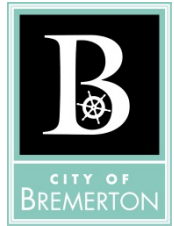
2020 State of the City

Making Bremerton Better for All

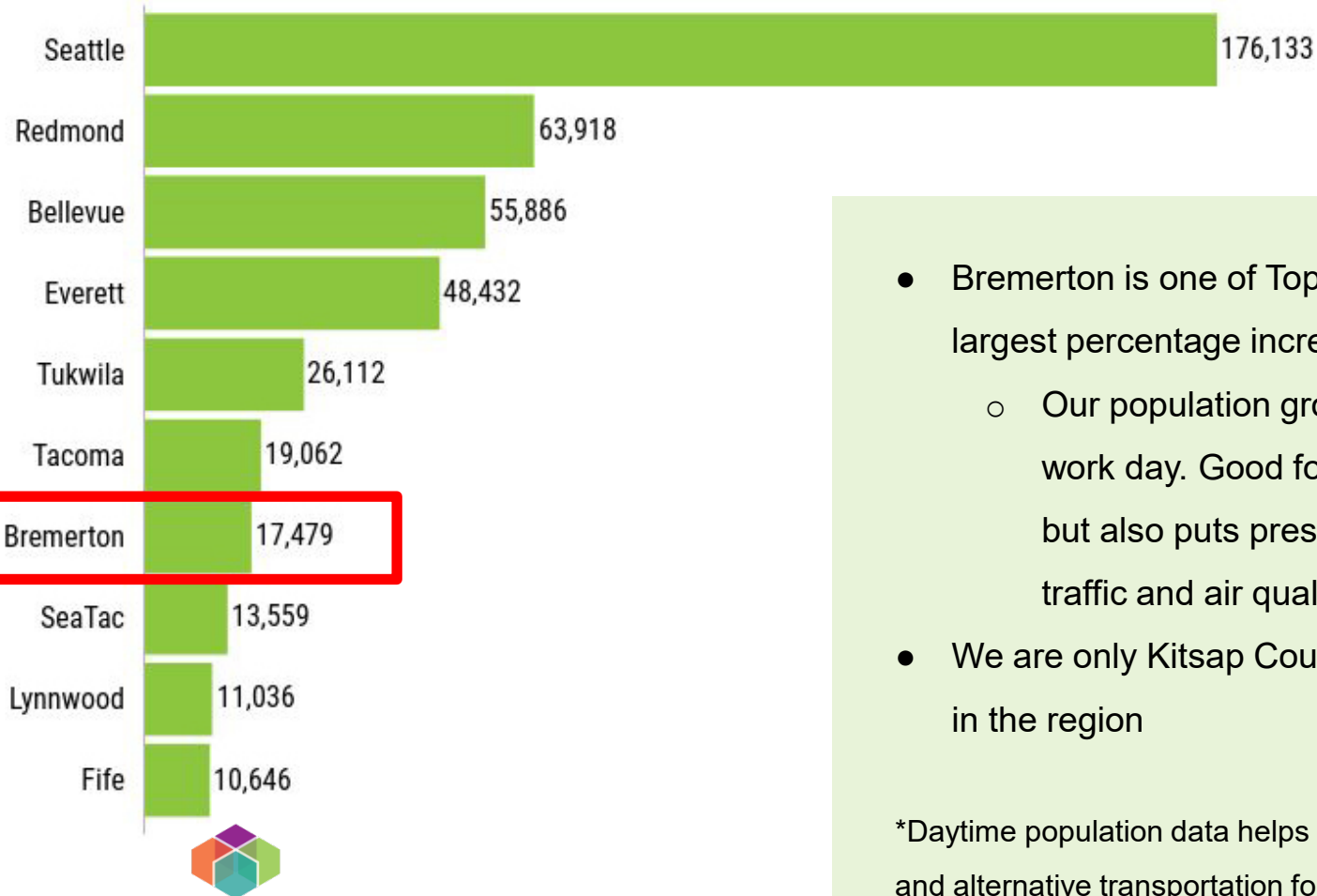


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Top Cities by Nominal Daytime Growth



While most places shrink as workers head elsewhere, Bremerton swells to just under 18,000 in-coming workers during the day.



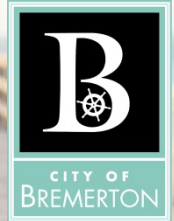
- Bremerton is one of Top 10 cities with largest percentage increase
 - Our population grows by 44% each work day. Good for our economy but also puts pressure on roads, traffic and air quality.
- We are only Kitsap County city in Top 10 in the region

*Daytime population data helps plan infrastructure and alternative transportation for workers

Puget Sound Regional Council

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, tables B01003, B08604 and B08301

Most Affordable Beach Towns



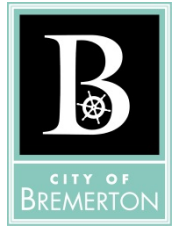
City of Bremerton Recently Ranked as 26th Most Affordable Beach Town in the Country!

SmartAsset looked at data for 219 waterfront cities across four metrics: median home value, average number of rooms per house, median property taxes paid and monthly housing costs.

Rank	City	Median Home Value	Average Rooms per House	Median Annual Property Taxes	Median Monthly Housing Costs	Index
25	Essex, MD	\$ 184,800	6.4	\$ 2,483	\$ 1,099	81.54
26	Bremerton, WA	\$ 210,300	6.1	\$ 2,199	\$ 1,025	80.31
27	Deerfield Beach, FL	\$ 153,600	4.7	\$ 1,457	\$ 1,115	79.77

Full list of ranked cities can be found at: <https://smartasset.com/mortgage/most-affordable-beach-towns-2020>

Bremerton Area Ranked as 10th Most Vibrant Medium-Sized Community in America



- Bremerton-Silverdale area received ranking in 2019 Arts Vibrancy Index Report; selected out of 900 cities in the U.S.
- Bremerton-Silverdale ranks in the top 3% of communities in overall arts dollars and scores high in government support, federal arts dollars and grants

Excerpt from the Arts Vibrancy Index Report:

“The City of Bremerton has a robust arts district with a number of fine art galleries, three museums, and two performing arts venues. It is home to several organizations, including the Admiral Theatre, Bremerton Community Theatre, Bremerton Symphony, Kitsap Opera, Peninsula Dance Theatre, and West Sound Arts Council.”

Source: Fifth Annual Arts Vibrancy Index Report - National Center for Arts Research at Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX



**Open Air Gallery:
Art Panel Exhibit**

**Washington Ave &
Manette Bridge**

Bremerton, Washington



Housing and Commercial Development Improvements

- **2019:** Record year of permit valuations (\$128+ million) with a total of 1,204 permits
- **2020:**
 - 2100+ homes and apartments and nearly 288,743 sq. ft. of commercial space in pipeline
 - Create infill development toolkit to increase number of developable properties for affordable housing – estimated 2,350+ residences would be added over 20 years



January Permit Activity



*January 2020's permit valuation is \$6.3 million (record breaking for a January). The permits submitted and currently under review as of February 1 equals \$83.2 million.

The total for both is \$89.2 million. In all of 2019, which was a record breaking year, we approved permits that had a construction value of \$128 million. One month in, we've got nearly 70% of last year's activity in one month!



Proactive Code Enforcement

- **2019:** Completed first full year of proactive code enforcement; addressed 950+ issues as part of program
- **2020:** Continue enhanced code enforcement program to address issues



Affordable Housing Assistance

2019:

- \$100,000 in funding for Bremerton Rental Assistance Program – helped prevent eviction and maintain rental housing for 28 City residents
- \$100,000 in funding for City's weatherization and minor home repair program; helped reduce heating and housing costs for 11 Bremerton residents

2020:

- Additional \$100,000 provided for City's Bremerton Rental Assistance Program and new \$100,000 match by Bremerton Housing Authority for total of \$200,000
- Additional \$100,000 for weatherization and minor home repair program



Kitsap Lake Management Plan

- **2019:** Aquatic vegetation control grant approved, began Lake analysis and testing of bacteria and vegetation in Lake, secured contract to test for toxic algae, began work on Lake clean up study
- **2020:** Complete study and develop direction for Lake clean up and algae control to improve water quality



Park Upgrades

2019:

- Celebrated opening of Manette Park following \$1.6 million renovation
- Received total of \$2 million in state grants for renovations and improvements:
 - Warren Avenue Park & Playfield
 - Kitsap Lake Park
- Completed Evergreen Rotary Park improvements
- Added seasonal park staff, increasing safety and extending park hours

2020:

- Complete Warren Avenue Park/Playfield
- Complete design for Kitsap Lake Park
- Develop partnerships for funding of Pendergast Park field improvements



Arts and Culture

- **2019:** 6 art wraps, City Wayzgoose arts festival, completed selection of 6 new artist panels for installation on Wash. Ave wall; and appointed Tia Hudson as City's first poet laureate
- **2020:** 2-4 Art wraps, City Wayzgoose arts festival, continue 2nd year of poet laureate program, select and install three new artist wall panels on Wash. Ave., create City Arts online newsletter



Police Support and Crime Reduction

2019:

- Completed hiring of 8 new officers over last two years bringing police to full-level staffing.
 - Last time Police Department was fully staffed was 2007
- Ramped up vehicle and bicycle patrols:
 - Municipal Court filings rose from 1,296 to 1,762, significantly increased last half of year.
 - Jan. through June averaged 90 per month and jumped to average of 203 per month from July through Dec in 2019.
- Implemented City's Intelligence Led Policing initiative – analyzed real-time data to determine current issues, trends, and crime “hot spots” for response by patrol officers and City staff
- Expanded Block Watch program in two neighborhoods. 71 neighborhoods enrolled.
- Implemented Safe Place program. 35 businesses participating.



Police Support and Crime Reduction

2020:

- Continue full staffing of police and bicycle patrols to address issues in City
- Upgrade video security cameras
- Hire a lead evidence technician
- Add one narcotics K9
- Continue to expand Block Watch program in neighborhoods
- Continue implementation of Intelligence Led Policing initiative
- Expand Safe Place program to additional organizations and businesses
- Maintain the Navigator program



Police Support and Crime Reduction

2019 Bike Unit Statistics

- Felony arrests – 161
- Misdemeanor arrests – 198
- Infractions – 46
- Sex offender contact – 14
- Trespass notices – 159
- Reports written – 676

2019 Traffic Unit Statistics

- Reports – 1,533
- DUI arrests – 51
- Arrests (all types) – 185
- Injury hit and run investigations – 5
- Vehicular assault investigations - 3
- Fatal collision investigations – 1

K9 Esco had:

- 43 tracks and 12 building searches
- Resulted in 35 arrests and 3 evidence finds



Fire Reduction and Public Safety

2019:

- Hired 4 new firefighters to increase efficiency and emergency response
 - 1,790 life safety inspections completed
 - 0 loss of life due to fire, 25 fires investigated
 - Responded to 9,335 incidents, avg response time 5:57 minutes
- Placed Marine 20 fire boat and Ladder 1 fire vehicle in service; Marine 20 responded to 14 incidents since coming into service
- Purchased a new paramedic unit for station 1



Marine 20 Fire Response

On September 27, 2019 Bremerton Fire Department responded to a 51 foot boat fire in Dyes Inlet. Responding Bremerton units were Marine 20, Ladder 1, Battalion 1, Engine 2 and Medic 2. The boat operator and his two dogs were able to escape and returned safely to the marina. The boat operator was transported by Medic 2 to Harrison Medical Center for evaluation. Units were dispatched at 1455. M-20 exited the marina at 1504 and was on scene at in Dyes Inlet at 1510.



Fire Reduction and Public Safety

2020:

- Hire 3 additional firefighters to help reduce response times
- Complete remodel of Fire Station's two and three
- Purchase a Wildland Fire Engine and new Paramedic unit
- Expand Fire Ground Survival and Technical Rescue programs
- Fully staff the training and emergency medical services divisions
- Partner with Peninsula Community Health Services to better respond to opioid and mental health incidents



Nuisance Property Abatement Program

Two new programs allow City to clean up nuisance property. 2019 was first full year of implementation:

- Court-appointed receiver program (RCW 7.60)
 - 1 property completed in 2019
- Abatement program (RCW 35.80)
 - 2 properties completed in 2019; 3 in progress/scheduled in 2020



Streets and Sidewalks Program

2019:

- \$6.4 million in grants awarded to increase City funding of streets, sidewalks, and bike lanes
- Repaired 1,900 feet of sidewalks and installed 37 ADA curb ramps
- Began design work to overlay 6th Street for Callow Ave and Naval Ave and Warren Ave to Pacific Ave, including new traffic signal at 6th and Park Ave
- Began Warren Ave study to find and make safety and traffic improvements to corridor
- Began design of Kitsap Lake Elementary Safe Routes to Schools and completed pedestrian improvements
- Developed Citywide model of travel demand and traffic circulation for future street improvement planning; model used to assist in 6th and 11th corridor improvement study
- Secured approval from Quincy Jones to use his name for Quincy Square and began design of project



Streets and Sidewalks Program

2020:

- Build and repair 2,500 feet of sidewalks, install 40 ADA curb ramps
- Complete first full year of 5-year contract to eliminate 800 trip hazards on sidewalks across City
- Begin 6th Street project – overlay from Callow to Naval and from Warren Avenue to Pacific Avenue
- Begin Kitsap Lake Safe Routes to Schools project
- Design Naval Avenue Road project (1st to 15th Streets)
- Design Highway Safety Improvements project; design Kitsap Way bike lanes and SR 303 signal improvements
- Complete Warren Ave/SR 3030 corridor improvement study
- Complete design of East 11th St. and Perry Ave improvements
- Design Washington Ave. and 11th St. improvements (roundabout project)
- Design and construct downtown bike lane improvements (Complete Streets)
- Develop Citywide wayfinding program, including signage improvements for Bridge-to-Bridge trail



Medical Care Access

- **2019:** Finished location of new CHI Franciscan/Harrison primary healthcare clinic on Kitsap Way
- **2020:** Completion of CHI Franciscan/Harrison primary healthcare and residency program facility this year
 - Partnering on preferred site for urgent care location on Kitsap Way



Diversity

- **2019:** Created workforce diversity and inclusion plan to modernize City's personnel policies and practices, completed mandatory implicit bias training by expert Dr. Bryant Marks for all City personnel
- **2020:** Implement workforce diversity plan and updated Equal Employment Opportunity Program



Parking

2019:

- Created stakeholders group to discuss and assess transportation and parking issues in City
- Began implementation of parking study recommendations
- Started installation of new technology to streamline parking enforcement
- Launched new pay online app for City parking lots and website information on parking in the City
- Added ability to report parking issues via *Bremerton 1* customer service phone app
- Expanded free parking within the City
- Began implementation of Smart Commuter program. Includes on-street vanpool and carpool parking that will create equivalent of 100 parking spaces or 2 lots



Parking

2020:

- Continue improving parking enforcement and availability of parking through use of new technology and expanded routes
- Continue Smart Commuter program
- Add weekend and evening rates in City garages
- Develop incentives for multi-modal transit options in garages and lots
- Update parking signage in the City garages and throughout the City
- Update and improve our ADA signage throughout the City
- Improve bike access in the downtown core



Transportation

2019:

- Celebrated arrival of *Reliance* and *Lady Swift* (two additional Kitsap Transit Bremerton ferries) and supported opening of City's new Wheaton Way transit center/park and ride lot

2020:

- Support efforts to make *Reliance*, *Lady Swift*, and *Rich Passage 1* fully operational with a back up boat for fast ferry service
- Review multi-modal transit options (buses, park and ride, van and carpool, bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, taxi, rideshare, etc.) and identify gaps to improve mobility in City



Mental Health

2019:

- Identified and rezoned site for future Pendleton Place permanent supportive housing and joined in efforts to fund project
- Continued funding of Kitsap Connect and Navigator Programs

2020:

- Continue support for development of Pendleton Place
- Work on continuing City's involvement in Kitsap Connect and Navigator programs
- Launch mobile healthcare partnership with Peninsula Community Health Services and Bremerton Fire Department to better respond to opioid and mental health incidents



Business Opportunity and Economic Growth

2019/2020:

- Began implementation of City's online service to streamline tax and licensing for businesses in 2019; continue implementation in 2020
- Started Harrison/Eastside Employment Center study in 2019; complete and adopt plan in 2020
- Began study of redevelopment of Callow Ave business district in 2019; complete revitalization plan for Callow Ave in late 2020
- Started Wheaton Way/SR 303 Corridor study in 2019; final report to be delivered in summer of 2020



Business Opportunity and Economic Growth

2020 (continued):

- Working with Port of Bremerton to analyze economic benefits for expansion of Bremerton Airport
- Discussions include potential job growth, business expansion and long-term prospects for Bremerton and region
- Distribution center of 117,351 sq. ft. – major corporation to be announced soon!



Snow and Ice Preparations

2019

- Purchased 1 new snow plow Fire truck and 1 auxiliary plow for installation on City vehicle = total of 6 snow plows and 2 auxiliary plows for snow/ice events
- Trained 7 additional employees to operate snowplows
- Launched GPS map of real-time snow removal/de-icing of City streets and updated snow routes map
- Reviewed and updated all snow and ice response procedures and enhanced coordination with Dept. of Emergency Management, Kitsap County and others

2020

- Going forward, all new dump trucks will be equipped with plow blades
- Two new 500-gallon brine applicators will be fabricated in-house for installation on existing trucks; primary use will be for residential streets



Finance

2019:

- Refinanced City parking garage bond debt, netting \$1 million in savings to the City over the next 16 years
- City's Bond Rating was upgraded to AA2 from AA1 (Moody's Rating Agency), reducing interest rates for City capital projects and making them more attractive for investors
- Set up bidding and selected vendor for conference center and golf course

2020:

- Complete transition to monthly water/sewer/stormwater billing for residents
- Implement real time technology for meter reading and real time leak detection
- Implement one-stop communications tool to inform residents during emergencies and weather events



Naval Base Kitsap – Bremerton Transportation and Traffic Study

2019:

- Met with Assistant Secretary of the Navy, legislators and OEA officials in Washington D.C. on funding proposal
- Coordinated with NBK-Bremerton and submitted proposal with Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to fund \$750,000 commuter transportation and traffic study

2020:

- Begin commuter transportation and traffic study in partnership with Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton
 - Final report will support future federal funding requests to help with parking, street improvements, sidewalks, bike facilities, commuter rail and other strategies



Youth Academic and Civic Engagement

2019:

- Continued 2nd year of Mayor's Challenge program for 1-12 grade students to create science projects that help solve City issues and inspire community involvement
- Launched Mayors Youth Leadership Award program to recognize top high school students in the Bremerton district
- Met with Bremerton High School Youth Advisory Council along with City Council to hear input on community issues and ways to enhance civic engagement

2020:

- Continue with Mayors Challenge, Mayors Youth Leadership Award and Bremerton High School Youth Advisory Council to engage and recognize youth involved in civic and leadership activities



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